

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15, 17-21, and 23-36 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 17-21, 23, 27 and 30 are amended. Claims 16 and 22 are cancelled, with the subject matter of these claims now respectively set forth in independent claims 1 and 21. Dependent claims 35 and 36 are submitted.

In response to the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Office Action objects to the language of claim 20 as lacking antecedent basis in the specification. It is believed that support for the recitation of fixing or avoiding movement is provided, for example, in the drawings and paragraph 29 of the present specification. Nevertheless, the language objected to at the end of claim 20 is deleted in order to advance prosecution. In addition, claim 16 was objected to due to a typographical informality. In adding the subject matter of claim 16 to claim 1, this informality has been corrected.

The Office Action indicates claims 3-9, 12, 13, 16-19, 22-27 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response to the indication of allowable subject matter, claims 1 and 21 are respectively amended to include the features previously set forth in claims 16 and 22. In addition, claims 3, 4, 12, 13, 27 and 30 are rewritten in independent form, including each of the features of the claims from which they previously depended. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that each of the independent claims of the present application is allowable as acknowledged in the Office Action. The remaining dependent claims are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

New dependent claims 35 and 36 are also submitted. Support for the features of claim 35 are provided, for example, in the drawings and original claim 4. Support for the features of claim 36 are provided in the original specification and original claim 9. Accordingly, it is

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submitted that the new dependent claims do not introduce new matter. Further, the new dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for claims 1-15, 17-21 and 23-36 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, he is encouraged to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.


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